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SUBJ: SC VIEWS ON SC RESOLUTION

1. BENNETT TELEPHONED SYG FOLLOWING OUR MEETING WITH MALIK IN LATTER'S CAPACITY AS NEW PRESIDENT SC TO DISCUSS SC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THIS AFTERNOON. BENNETT SAID ON BASIS OUR CONSULTATION WITH MALIK AND COORDINATION WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH WHO HAD SEEN HIM AFTER OUR MEETING, THAT MALIK SEEMED READY TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION WHICH 12 MEMBERS OF SC INCLUDING ALL NON-ALIGNED VOTED FOR LAST EVENING. ONLY ADDITION MALIK ASKED WAS WORDS IN OPERATIVE PARA OF RES "URGES SYG TO PRESENT A FULL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL." THIS LANGUAGE IS ACCEPTABLE TO U.S., BRITISH, AND FRENCH, AND MALIK HAD ACCEPTED OUR POSITION THAT WE WOULD GO NO FURTHER.

2. WALDHEIM INDICATED HE HAD HAD REPORT FROM UNDER-SECRETARY SCHEVCHENKO (WHO WAS PRESENT AT OUR MEETING WITH MALIK) WHICH CONFIRMED ABOVE. SCHEVCHENKO HAD TOLD WALDHEIM, AS MALIK HAD TOLD US, THAT HE WOULD ABSTAIN
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ON RES.

3. WALDHEIM SAID HE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE YESTERDAY'S RES, WITH THIS ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE, PASSED THIS AFTERNOON BEFORE HIS SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FOR PORTUGAL THIS AFTERNOON. THIS WOULD GIVE HIM ALL THE AUTHORITY HE NEEDS, HE SAID, AND HE WOULD SET THINGS IN MOTION IMMEDIATELY WITH RESPECT TO EXPANDED UNFICYP OPERATIONS. A SOVIET ABSTENTION DID NOT BOTHER HIM AT ALL, HE COMMENTED. THIS WAS MALIK'S DECISION. IF HE WANTED TO ISOLATE HIMSELF FROM THE REST OF THE COUNCIL.

4. COMMENT: AN ABSTENTION WILL OF COURSE ENABLE MALIK TO KEEP HIS DISTANCE FROM UNFICYP AND AVOID ANY RESPONSIBILITIES, FINANCIAL OR OTHERWISE, HE MAY ALSO SEE IT AS MEANS OF KEEPING PRESSURE ON WALDHEIM THROUGH FACT THAT SYG WILL NOT HAVE SOVIET SUPPORT ON UNFICYP. THIS LATTER POSSIBILITY DID NOT SEEM TO HAVE OCCURRED TO WALDHEIM OR, IF IT DID, WAS NOT CAUSING HIM CONCERN AS OF NOW. SOVIETS OF COURSE HAVE NOT SUPPORTED UNFICYP IN PAST.

5. MALIK MAY BE ACCEPTING THIS RES WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE IN LIGHT OF REALIZATION HE WAS BADLY OFF BASE WITH NON-ALIGNED SENTIMENT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING. ADOPTION OF RES WITH HIS ABSTENTION WILL NOT PRECLUDE HIM FROM RAISING COMPOSITION OF UNFICYP OR OTHER ISSUES LATER. ADVANCE INDICATIONS ARE WE WILL GET STRONG ANTI-GENEVA STATEMENTS THIS AFTERNOON FROM MALIK AND ROSSIDES.
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